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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7485 NOTE PREPARED: Apr 14, 2003 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1659 **BILL AMENDED:** Apr 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Regional sewer districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Gard

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) This bill provides that rates or charges by a regional sewer district for a sewage works shall be just, equitable, and nondiscriminatory. A district in the establishment of rates or charges must use industry accepted standards and apply the methodology used to establish the rates or charges consistently within each rate class and among all rate classes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Providing that a regional sewer district in the establishment of rates or charges must use industry accepted standards and apply the methodology used to establish the rates or charges consistently within each rate class and among all rate classes could have an impact on local revenues. The impact is indeterminable but would depend on current methodologies used and how these methodologies differ from the proposed.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Regional sewer districts.

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Information Sources:

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